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Freshmen Take Over

As the year 1960-61 draw to a close, freshmen in all areas of campus life take up the duties and responsibilities which have been carried by sophomores. This is a season of elections in all organizations. Freshman leaders are stepping into the places which they will occupy next fall.

While it is an honor to be chosen for a position, being elected is not an end in itself, or should not be. Accepting an office carries with it the acceptance of responsibility for leading in a worthy way and for being faithful to one's duty, even when pleasanter things tempt one.

The spirit of the freshmen this year has been splendid and fine leadership has developed as the months have passed. Mars Hill looking toward its senior college status expects great things of us, the present freshman class, and we are determined to measure up to expectations.

Dan Moore Relates Experiences As A Spy

Last Saturday night, March 11, a large number of the students of Mars Hill College enjoyed a most interesting talk presented by Dan T. Moore, novelist and *Saturday Evening Post* contributor, who told informally, some of his experiences in spy work during World War II.

Mr. Moore was in charge of Counter-Intelligence work in the Far East. He was once assigned to try to get vital information from King Farouk. At this time King Farouk had no idea that Mr. Moore was a spy. Thinking him a friend, he revealed information that, when in the hands of the United States, shortened the war according to Mr. Moore.

Mr. Moore greatly elaborated on the invention and the use of a certain contraption that made possible the swift removal of our spies from behind the enemy lines, after they had completed their missions. This invention made possible the pick-up of a spy by an airplane without the airplane having to land. This was told in a very humorous way.

The talk was concluded by Mr. Moore with this statement. "If we should be involved in a Third World War, which would be very improbable, then the nation that is most advanced in the techniques of spying will be the victor."

The lecture on Saturday night is illustrative of the excellent quality of outside attractions brought to the campus. Students are the losers when they fail to attend such programs.

Let's Keep The Spirit

Christian Focus Week is now a month in the past and possibly has dropped completely out of the minds of many people. It should not have done so.

What can we do to keep the spirit of Focus Week alive on our campus? Surely the inspiration gained from contact with the vital personalities of the team and from the sermons, seminars, and bull sessions should last more than a month; and in the lives of individuals it does. The environment on any college campus depends upon the students' desire to live in a wholesome Christian atmosphere. Maintaining that atmosphere is part of the duty of every student.

Yes, Focus Week is over for another year in many of our fellow students' minds, but this is not the way it should be. There are many Christians on the campus who will not go out and share their experiences with others because they do not see how one person can do any good. But Jesus taught we should not light a candle and put it under a bushel, but rather should hold it high so that all can see. If we stay in our rooms and do not share our light with others, or if we are too timid to stand up for the right, we are like the candle under the bushel.

Let's make an effort to keep our minds and hearts focused on Christ at all times, and to let our lights, though feeble, shine before our fellowmen.

Students Await Spring Holidays

"Home Is Where The Heart Is" is an old adage that could easily express the viewpoint of several hundred Mars Hill students who will be homeward bound for a well - deserved vacation beginning March 25. For many students this is the first return to the old homestead since the Christmas holidays and everyone is looking forward to this event with great expectation.

Spring Holidays — what could sound sweeter to a poor old run down student that is on his last leg! Ten whole days just dedicated to eating and sleeping and accomplishing absolutely nothing. What a relief to be able to lay the books aside and not have to rack your brains to think of an excuse that will be accepted as to why you were five whole minutes late to class. Ah, this is what is commonly called "Paradise."

Yes, Spring vacation is a wonderful time and this vacation comes during the most beautiful time of the year. Spring is a time when we can actually see the mighty works of Our Maker. The old oak tree that has slept all winter now awakens and begins to put tiny buds and all those green things that we call weeds, begin to burst forth in the shape of beautiful, colorful flowers. Yes, Spring is the rebirth of nature and the rebirth of mankind. Spring is the time to observe the love that God has for us and when He showers the earth with such abundant beauty who could fail to acknowledge His presence.

New Auditorium Is Appreciated

The smell of smoke, the sound of breaking glass, and the sight of high flames were etched on the memory of each student here when the old auditorium burned recently.

Most of us did not panic to see the building destroyed, but we did realize that with the loss of this building, many of the campus activities would be changed or stopped.

Before the fire, the new auditorium had just been a building under construction. It would be nice to have it, but who really cared? The old auditorium was conveniently located, and we were satisfied with things as they were.

Now, each time students pass the new building, they eagerly look to see if any progress has been made since the last time they came by. All the freshmen are very happy that they will be the first class to use the new construction which is costing more than a million dollars.

The Art, Music, Dramatics and Bible students are also excited since the auditorium is going to provide adequate facilities and space which these departments have needed and wanted for years.

Perhaps the feeling that most of us share is the happiness of knowing that the whole student body will be able to gather for chapel on the same day and in the same building.

MHC Honors Visiting I And Students With Ban

March 10 was marked with the event of the Clinic Banquet at Mars Hill College. Students wit from area schools began registering at 9:00 A. M. for the two-day period of rehearsals climaxed with tion Saturday night.

Coyte Bridges Memorial Dining Hall was the sce Clinic Banquet Friday night. Dean Ralph M. Lee tion after which students of Mrs. Howell's Home partment served the guests.

Seated at the ble were Dr. L tor of Choirs, M Huntington, Vi director of the Dr. Blackwell, P Hill College; J director of the M band; Dean W. Lynch; Dean R. Lee; and Dr. R head of the Ma ment of Music.

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Society News

On April 7 the four Societies will have a joint meeting, including both Clio-Phi and Non-Eu. It will be open to the school and faculty. The winners of the three contests in Phi will be competing against the three winners in Eu.

The Poetry Reading contest in Phi was won by Richard Dillingham. Mayon Weeks won the Dramatoc Reading Contest and Page Shelton won the Bible Reading Contest.

In Eu, the Poetry Reading Contest was won by Ed Morton, the Dramatic Reading by Roy Mehaffey, and the Bible Reading by Bill Deans.

Clio and Non have also completed their contests, but the date for the contests between the two societies has still not been decided.

The winner of the Temperance Reading Contest in Clio was Jean Yoder. Virginia McNeil won the Poetry Reading Contest; Judy Elam, the Bible Reading; Belva Hudson, the Dramatic Reading; and Kay Shadoan the Essay Contest.

The contests and their winners in Non were Temperance Reading, Marsha Byassee; Dramatic Reading, Susan Walker; Essay Reading, Rosalyn Skelton and Faith Edwards.

To add to the social side of Clio and Non, an oriental atmosphere was set in Edna Moore parlor Sunday, March 5, when they held their annual Clio-Non Tea. Entertainment and refreshments were provided, and the girls had a chance to become better acquainted.

YWA Members Make Offering

YWA members, under the leadership of Dixie Chastain, have participated as junior WMU's in the Annie Armstrong offering climaxing the week of prayer for home missions, March 6-10.

Hall prayer meetings, dormitory prayer meetings, group prayer, and finally an all-campus YWA prayer meeting kept the minds of the girls focused on mission needs. The all-campus meeting emphasized what prayer can do in a Christian's life. Suzanne Beck, aided by ten YWA's, gave a skit illustrating how we as Christians often plan to give to mission offerings, but somehow fail to have any money left from our allowances after spending money for our own needs or for luxuries.

A personal touch was given by the testimony of four girls, Kay Jordan, Jane Haywood, Wanda Norris, and Donna Day, who told how prayer meetings and faith in God had led them to know and follow God's will.

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